



TOPEKA SELECT SOCCER CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Spring Season off and Running!

As the Topeka Select soccer club teams begin the spring season, we can celebrate the competition, which win or lose, builds character, friendship and skills, on and off the pitch.

This past year was a banner year for Topeka Select soccer club with large number of campers in Topeka Select summer camps and a strong number of teams in the club. Currently Topeka Select fields a very strong 28 teams both boys and girls ranging from U8-U18.

It has also been a stellar year with Topeka Select teams traveling to many different states and competing in various tournaments across the Midwest and beyond. Topeka Select is the only club in the area that competes regularly at a local, state, regional and national level.

Finally as the snow has melted and teams can finally get outside, please stay tuned for more information on spring and summer camps and tryout information. Topeka Select will once more have a great spring season and build on the success of the fall season.



Topeka Select proudly announces the new team store!

Topeka Select is proud to announce that it has partnered with GTM Sportswear to provide quality team store merchandise. If you are interested in buying items from the team store you will need to first create a login to access the team store.



Interested in improving your players skills this off season?

We can help. Topeka Select offers many camps for all ages throughout the off season. Just because your childs season is over; there is no reason to not keep your skills up. Contact Jerry Stamm for more information @ 217-5771

Stay in touch! Please don't miss out on the updates about Topeka Select Soccer Club. Become a member on our website by signing up at www.topekaselect.com

Welcome to our first Topeka Select newsletter. The purpose of this publication will be primarily to improve communication with you and your family. We want you to be aware of what's going on, what's coming up and how you can help make Topeka Select an even better soccer club. I want to encourage you to send us ideas, information or articles you think would be helpful for others in the club (tselectsoccer@gmail.com or jstamm53@gmail.com).

There's a lot going on in Topeka Select and I want you to be informed and educated. Somewhere in this newsletter you'll see a photo of the U11 boys Blackhawks carrying a Kansas state flag and Topeka Select banner. They're marching into the main stadium, filled with over 15,000 soccer fans, at USA Cup, in Blaine, MN, during opening ceremonies. This tournament is held each July, hosts approximately 800 teams, from about 35 states and 20 countries, on 53 contiguous soccer fields for one week of incredible soccer. We send a team or two to this great tourney almost every year. Our club has played National Champions, teams from nearly every state in the union (including Alaska) and countries like the Ukraine, Japan, Ireland, Columbia, Brazil, Mexico, Canada and others. By the way, we've won or placed in this tournament several times. Ask your coach how your team can experience this great tournament.

Later this year, Topeka Select will partner with Sunflower Soccer and Challenger Sports to host a tournament here in Topeka, September 13 and 14. We'll be helping to increase our club presence in the mid-west and helping SSA cover expenses incurred from the multi-million dollar improvements to our local soccer complex. Something we really need and will mutually benefit from. We'll need parent volunteers to help check teams in prior to the beginning of the event and field marshals to answer questions and direct people to their venue. It won't be hard, and we'll make sure you're trained, but we will really need you to make this event a success!

State tuned, the best is yet to come!!! Regards, Jerry Stamm

Tryouts are coming! Mark your Calendars for June 7th and 8th. Topeka Select will be holding tryouts for all ages.

We are also excited to announce the formation of the boys and girls high school academy. The academy will be lead by former Professional player Craig Rocastle. He will be overseeing the formation of teams. He will also be training many of the teams in the high school age groups.

We are excited to have this opportunity in our high school age divisions. Topeka Select is dedicated to developing and preparing our high school players for College soccer.

Did you know?

- Topeka Select was started in 1998 by Jerry Stamm and Joe Waldron.
- Topeka Select is Topeka's oldest running soccer club.
- Topeka Select has the area's most experienced coaches.
- Many Topeka Select teams participate in Heartland league in Kansas City with teams ranging from Div1-Div6.
- Topeka Select does not make players sign player contracts. Topeka Select is for the player.
- Our teams compete in State, Regional and National level tournaments and have success on all stages.
- Our coaches are the experts on each of their teams. No one size fits all approach to tournaments or league placement.
- Topeka Select firmly supports Sunflower Soccer association.
- Topeka Select coaches are free to make their own decisions on how long they coach or where they coach. Other clubs make coaches sign non-compete contracts.
- Topeka Select players and families are not locked into financial contracts that fund an organization. Players are free to play without threat of financial retribution.
- Topeka Select emphasizes affordable yet competitive soccer for all of our families. We will never price anyone out of playing competitive soccer.

Know anyone interested in joining Topeka Select team? Have them contact us. Email us at tsscwebmaster@gmail.com we will be happy to answer their questions.

Hey Referee!!!

- Did you know that a pass back to the goal keeper and if the keeper picks it up, it is an indirect free kick inside the box.
- Offside is when an attacking player is past the 2nd to last defender (*the last being the Keeper*) and receives the ball. It is not offside to simply be in the offside position. The player has to receive the ball to be offside.